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## DRAMATIC CLUB STAGE SUCCESSFUL COMEDY

Mr. L. C. Cox, D. Ph.)  
"What the use of lying when I'm all alone," says Worburton, in the best lines of "The Man on the Box," a three-act comedy which was presented by the Wainwright Dramatic Club at the Elite theatre on Wednesday evening last.

Had the bring-or-shall we call it joking—all been done under these circumstances, such complications would have arisen as we find in this rather pleasing if slight drama.

The first lie would have had no audience and the final outcome might have been different.

Bob Worburton, having lately resigned from the army, and being perhaps a little native in a civilian capacity, thinks to play a practical joke on his sister Nancy, and acting as her coachman to receive a kiss from her upon helping her from the car.

When he is to bring her home from an embassy ball at Washington, Canada, his carriage number he takes the wrong vehicle, and his joke is carried out at the expense of Miss Betty Annesley, a young lady in whom Bob is very much interested, but whom he has not yet succeeded in winning. He is immediately halted in the police court to answer to the charges of disorderly conduct, reckless driving, and abduction. His friend Henderson intervenes, obtains for him a private hearing before Judge Watts (the police court judge). Miss Betty's heart softens, she pays his fine, and finally makes him her groom.

Many amusing situations arise when Worburton is asked to wait table at a dinner given by Col. Annesley. Despite the absence of a prompter—there is no better absent—there was very little improvisation and the play ran very smoothly in that respect; everyone knowing the lines perfectly.

The plot of the play as written lacks proper preparation for the dramatic effects of the last act. Too little attention has been made by Miss Fens, the authoress, (who uses Harold McGrath's book of the same title as a basis for the action), to provide the necessary atmosphere leading up to these incidents. The players were contented with the creation of atmosphere rather than the redaction of lines is the greatest difficulty. The aggregation of players has to encounter, it is not a matter of surprise that these incidents were not entirely convincing.

Without doubt the large crowd present will anxiously await the next production by this club, but it is to be hoped that on future occasions those in attendance will see to it that orderliness, especially among the children present, is more strictly kept.

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The leading masculine role in the play that of Worburton, is played by Mr. R. Dunsmore, to whom the town of Wainwright owes a debt of gratitude for his untiring efforts in the coaching of plays for production by the local club. Mr. Dunsmore has had considerable experience in this work as well as in taking parts in amateur plays, as is plainly indicated by his attention to the details of stage business. His friend Henderson played by Mr. C. H. Rowe is just such a rollicking fellow as the play calls for (much less serious than Worburton) but for all his fun a little shocked by the ends to which Worburton goes in carrying out his joke. It must be remembered, however, that Bob Worburton is in love and the poor fellow can't always see the funny side of things.

The part of Betty Annesley found a very pleasing interpreter in the person of Miss Dorothy Primrose. The play calls for a rather more mature Betty, but this is perhaps the fault of the play and not the interpretation. Miss Primrose has a very engaging speaking voice more particularly in the lower range and will, no doubt be seen in future in many amateur productions.

Mr. W. Huntingford (the bashful editor of the Wainwright Star), as Colonel Annesley, brought to the interpretation of his part a full share of real dramatic instinct. While many modern plays are written to suit participants individuals the test must still be the capacity to adapt himself to the part he may be called upon to play subject to certain physical limitations. In this character perhaps more than in any other this adaptation was ably displayed.

A good second in this respect was the part of Count Karloff, well taken by Mr. D. Wade, and this gentleman made an excellent villain, despite the propensity of his moustache—the most villainous part of his make-up to fall off and make a plain Englishman out of a Russian nobleman.

The Hon. H. Watts, who in real life doesn't wear sideburns but Mr. Geo. Glass private citizen, did play quite proper severity as the judge and in this was ably assisted by Mr. J. Bracegirdle, whose solemn and sonorous voice, added proper solemnity to the court room scene. The gallant too, Mr. W. Blinn and Mr.

Fred Pawling, the latter almost clad in fierce moustaches) swaggered about to add to the illusion.

But Mr. Pawling is much more in character as Mons. Pierre, the fat cook, most solicitous for his sinking ship, and Mr. Blinn did very well the part of Colonel Raleigh, an army officer, and old friend of Annesley.

Mrs. N. S. Kenny, as Cora, the lady's maid, adapted herself very excellently to the small part given her and would undoubtedly do well in a heavier character. The same may be said of Mrs. W. Washburn as Mrs. Conway (Betty's confidante) and Miss Marion Lampert as Nancy W. Washburn. Mrs. Washburn had a difficult small part to play and carried it off exceedingly well, while Miss Lampert was an excellent matchmaker—at least so far as her brother was concerned.

On the whole the performance was very creditable and Wainwright is to be congratulated on having a number of citizens who are willing to give their time and energy to the production of a play each year on the local stage. The stage effects were good, the setting in the second and third acts being particularly so, and the "sotto" violin playing (so admirably rendered back-stage by Mrs. E. Henderson) added greatly to the effect in several places. The fireplace, when not obscured by an easy chair, had a real air of verisimilitude, even though no one went so far as to call out the local fire brigade.

The costumes were all appropriate though at times some of the players were a little too conscious of them. Despite the absence of a prompter—there is no better absent—there was very little improvisation and the play ran very smoothly in that respect; everyone knowing the lines perfectly. The plot of the play as written lacks proper preparation for the dramatic effects of the last act. Too little attention has been made by Miss Fens, the authoress, (who uses Harold McGrath's book of the same title as a basis for the action), to provide the necessary atmosphere leading up to these incidents. The players were contented with the creation of atmosphere rather than the redaction of lines is the greatest difficulty. The aggregation of players has to encounter, it is not a matter of surprise that these incidents were not entirely convincing.

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Something which the district has never before enjoyed took place Monday and Tuesday, and from all accounts everybody is well satisfied with the result from all angles.

The big stampede which was handled very capably by Mr. H. Myers proved a big drawing card, and a large crowd of people were in attendance on both days, proving the popularity of the gathering.

In addition to the usual line of horses and cattle riding and roping even a boxing match was staged in the rink at the fair grounds a large dancing pavilion helped to wile away the time until quite late in the morning.

The weather was all that could be desired, and the timely visit of "Old Sol" assisted to pile up the big receipts—the big refreshment booths.

Mr. Archie Hoar, superintendent for the Security elevator company expects to leave town shortly, he having been assigned to another district. He is holding a sale of household effects on Saturday June 9th.

Your choice of a McLaughlin Four, Chevrolet 90, or a Baby Grand; for a deal see Mel Fraser at Imperial yard.

## STRONG GASOLINE CONTENT IN WELL NEAR WAINWRIGHT

Wet gas at the British Petroleum well near Wainwright, has a strong gasoline content producing 13½ pints to 1,000 cubic feet of gas, according to a letter which J. O. Williams has received from Edmonton. The gas has been tested at the University of Alberta. As the flow of wet gas is 1,200,000 cubic feet per day, it is stated that the output of gasoline will exceed that of the Dingman well near Okotoks, Ex.

## FINEST RAIN IN YEARS VISITS TOWN AND DISTRICT

Every day in every way our crops are looking better and better.

Rain worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to the farmers of this community began last week end and continued with intervals until Monday night, until some two inches in all has been registered. This was no sudden downpour but a steady gentle rainfall after rainfall—just the kind which is calculated to do the most good to the land and the crops, and all of it sinking in; in some places to a depth of about fourteen inches.

This moisture, coming at just the right time, when practically all the crop is sown, gets the grain away to a real splendid start, and the manner in which the seed has been observed to be "stooling out" portends a good crop to be garnered in the fall, provided the rest of the season proves favorable.

What is up on several farms to a height of twelve to fourteen inches, and the warm sunshine spells between the showers shows that nature is "right on the job" this spring; to the end—as we all hope that 1923 harvest will be repetition of the bumper crop of 1913.

Speaking generally, the 1923 seeding season is a closed book—with the exception, perhaps, of a few isolated instances, or some small acreage of green feed—and as the start is a fairly early one, and Wainwright district being out side the generally considered hail belt there is every prospect that the fall of 1923 will prove another incentive to strengthen the "back to the land" movement.

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## WANTS NATIONAL PARKS COMMISSION PLACED IN WEST

Ottawa.—On discussion in the house of commons of an item of \$31,250,980 for Canadian National parks and historic sites, J. S. Woodworth asked what taxes the C. P. R. paid for its privileges at Banff.

Hon. Charles Stewart said the municipality of Banff had no power to tax. He added that as a good deal of money had been spent in the Banff park, it might be better hereafter to develop the parks through which the Canadian National ran.

J. T. Shaw, Independent, Calgary, West, said that of 8,000 square miles of national parks in Canada, only 100 acres were in eastern Canada and over 7,900 square miles were in Alberta and British Columbia. He thought the commission which controlled these national parks should be located in the west, possibly at Banff.

Mr. Stewart replied that the animals being slaughtered were those which were purchased when the herd was originally started and they were pretty old. The herd in that park was increasing at the rate of about 200 a year and it was necessary to keep them down. If there were five thousand head in that park that was about the limit that could be allowed. Another reason was that traces of tuberculosis had been discovered among them. There was a herd in Hay River district numbering about 2,000 he thought and these were being protected.

Mr. Stewart agreed to this.

SIROIS—COWAN  
A quiet little wedding was solemnized by the Rev. Father Lemaire on Saturday afternoon last when he performed the nuptial ceremony between Mr. J. Sirois and Miss Margaret Cowan, both of this district.

Elkay's hat dyes are best; 35c at Wainwright pharmacy.

Paint is the best investment known use it on your house, barn or car; try our brand "Baco" it will suit your needs best. Atlas Lbr. Co., J. Welch.

Miss Rodden of the Bank of Montreal staff was a week end visitor to the city.

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## EDGERTON DECIDES NOT TO HOLD THE FAIR THIS YEAR

At a poorly attended meeting of the Edgerton Agricultural Society it was unanimously decided to cancel the fair for this year owing to conditions obtaining. It was felt that there was considerable apathy shown by the community concerning the fair and the directors did not think it advisable to hold the date.

## W. RUSSELL IN FIGHT WITH DARK FOREIGNERS

William Russell possesses a very ready pair of fists. One evening after leaving the William Fox studios in Hollywood, where he had been engaged in making scenes for "The Lady from Longacre," he turned down a rather poorly lighted street. About fifty feet ahead of him were two men, mysterious looking individuals with foreign looking clothes; and about the same distance in front of them walked a well-dressed young woman.

Mr. Russell became suspicious and followed. The young lady sauntered on. Finally she stopped, apparently to look at the surroundings. The foreigners approached her. Mr. Russell did not wait for anything to happen. He closed in on them, and without a word of warning laid them both flat on the sidewalk.

The young woman properly recognized Mr. Russell's intervention and accepted his escort to her destination. The acquaintance thus begun had a most thrilling sequel. This may be seen at the Elite Theatre, where Mr. Russell is to open an engagement on Friday and Saturday in "The Lady from Longacre," which is a comedy-drama from the well-known novel by Victor Bridges.

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## GILT EDGE COUNCIL SETS MILL RATE FOR YEAR 1923

The following are the official minutes of a meeting of the Council of Gilt Edge M. D., held in the Town Hall on May 28th, when all members were present.

Moved by Councillor Bailey.—That minutes of previous meeting be accepted as read.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Bailey.—That petition from Grizley Bear M. D. rate payers residing in township 47 in range 4, 5 and 6, for transference to M. D. No. 422 be acceptable to this Council and that the secretary write and ask Department of Municipal Affairs to make the Battle River where it enters this municipal district at N. W. 31-45-64 and leaves it again at N. E. 12-46-44 the northern boundary of this municipal district.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Ford.—That the secretary take up the matter of indebtedness on aforementioned lands with M. D. No. 452.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Church.—That the 1922 committee regarding seed grain be re-appointed for the year 1923.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Bailey.—That the matter of the provincial road grant be taken up.—Carried.

Mr. E. Robertson, provincial district surveyor, then informed the Council that grants for the current year have been materially reduced and that M. D. No. 422 will receive the sum of \$350.00. After full discussion this sum was apportioned as follows—\$200 to each of divisions one and six and \$150 to division four.

Moved by Councillor Bailey.—That grant be apportioned as arranged.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Ford.—That LOCAL NOTES

Mrs. M. O. Nelson, wife of School-inspector Nelson, has returned home after being in attendance at the annual Methodist conference as a delegate from this point.

Specials at the Imperial yard; fence posts and screen doors at reasonable prices.

Mr. J. Law has returned to his home in Edmonton after a visit to his daughter Mrs. J. L. Gerow.

Owing to something happening to the steering gear of Arnold Jerran's car last week end, he miscalculated the entrance to the Ford garage and went through the plate glass window, doing considerable damage.

The Coffed Bros. have been busy painting up the Dr. Middlemass residence on Fourth Avenue.

Eastman kodaks and films at Wainwright pharmacy.

Mr. Tom Sugars and his wife were down from the city for the week end and spent the holiday with Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

## HOW BINDER TWINE IS NOW MANUFACTURED

Binder twine is made from sisal, manilla or hemp. The sisal plant has long spine-like leaves, like a huge cactus, and the vase of these leaves are shredded by combing, and this leaves threads of fibre from three to four feet long.

Sisal is grown mainly in Mexico, and the adjacent South American republics, and probably sixty per cent of the sisal used in the manufacture of binder twine comes from there. A very high grade of sisal, however, is also grown in Africa and in the Dutch Indies.

Hemp is a product of many countries and is only used in very cheap grades of twine.

The best grade of twine is the 650 foot length, which is pure manilla.

The next grade of twine is the 600 foot length, and this will contain, on an average about 60 per cent pure manilla, and the balance sisal. No binder twine manufacturer makes 600 foot twine out of pure manilla.

The next best grade of twine is the 550 foot length, and this contains from fifty to sixty per cent of Mexican sisal and the balance African and Java sial, with a few strands of the long manilla running through it as a base.

If 550 foot twine is sold as Standard Manilla, the public are being deceived.

the Councillors and Mr. Robertson inspect the township road between townships 44 and 45 as soon as convenient.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Ford.—That Mr. Pigeon's application for permit for soft drink booth on fair grounds on June 4th and 5th be granted.—Carried.

Moved by Reeve Wallace.—That the secretary be instructed to remove the seed grain from lien title to N. E. 26-44-44.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Church.—That Nurse Horne's account re Mrs. H. Wil son be paid.—This motion was lost (1 aye, 5 nays).

Moved by Reeve Wallace.—That matter of compensation for L. E. Roy deviation be filed.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Traylor.—That Bylaw No. 24, authorising the borrowing of \$3,500 from the Bank of Montreal for current business be read.—Carried.

This bylaw was given its necessary three readings and finally passed.

The Bylaw as drafted by the secretary under the Domestic Animals Act was laid on the table for discussion.

Moved by Councillor Perkins.—That 50 head of cattle and horses be allowed to run at large for every 160 acres of land owned by a resident.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Bailey.—That section eight of Bylaw be amended to read, following the words "160 acres of land owned by him" "between the first day of April and the thirty-first day of December in each year.—This motion was lost (1 aye, 5 nays).

Moved by Councillor Perkins.—That Bylaw as drafted by secretary be forwarded to the Department for acceptance.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Perkins.—That the secretary write to the Brand Recorder at Edmonton for a municipal brand for the use of poundkeepers, said brand (if possible) to be "422" on ribs for cattle and on shoulder for horses.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Perkins.—That the mill rate for 1923 be 3½ mills. This motion was lost (1 aye, 5 nays).

Moved by Councillor Church.—That the rate be 4 mills.—This amendment was lost (1 aye, 5 nays).

Moved by Councillor Wallace.—That the rate be 5 mills.—Carried (4 ayes, 2 nays).

Moved by Councillor Traylor.—That the wages for roadwork for 1923 be set at "per hour" rate.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Bailey.—That the wages per hour shall be:—For man 30¢; for man and two horses, 50¢; for man and four horses, 75¢.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Church.—That Councillors be allowed to pay foreman and grader men 35¢ per hour.—Carried (4 ayes, 2 nays).

Moved by Councillor Bailey.—That each Councillor's preliminary appropriation for public works be \$80, pending statement from secretary following raising the mill rate.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Church.—That the C. N. R. receive a rebate for \$473 on the N. W. and S. 1/2 14-44-64.—Carried.

On a motion by Councillor Ford accounts amounting to \$1139.53 were ordered paid and the Council then adjourned.

as it is not manilla twine at all, and this applies to all the manufacturers of 550 foot twine.

The next grade of twine is the 500 foot length, and the shorter and coarser fibre is used in its manufacture, and it will not therefore, be as uniform and even as the 600 foot twine.

In manufacturing binder twine, sisal is taken out of the bales, sorted and sized for length, and then put on coarse carding machine, the same as wool or cotton, and as it gradually gets combed out it is put on to the finer carding machines until it gets combed out like thread (during this process intestine is even spread over the sisal so that it gets thoroughly impregnated in same).

The finer carding machines clean the tow off the fibre as it passes along and by a speeding up process works the threads into a big coil. These coils are then passed on to spinning jennies, which travel at a very high rate of speed, and the coils of fibre are drawn out, on the same principle as thread, and a twist put in same before finally going through a very small die which gives the twine its uniformity, and it is then passed through rollers in order to iron in any fuzzy surfaces always found on sisal and manilla. The twine is then carried on to winding or balling machines.

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**New Export Route for Cattle From  
Western Canada to British Markets**

Map showing the new export route for cattle from Western Canada to British markets via the Canadian National Railway. The route starts in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and goes south through the United States to the Atlantic coast, then back to the United Kingdom via the Canadian National Railway.

**Canada National**

Reliable and Livestock Officials inspect shipments. Let it fight. A. E. Roseway, C.N.R.; A. N. Lambert, United Stock Yards; J. D. Dobson and C. E. Jones, United Grain Growers, Ltd.

S.S. Manchester Division, carrying the cattle shipment from Quebec port to Great Britain.

At Union Stock Yards, Winnipeg, the last of the shipment being loaded in the yards of Canadian National Railway.

**SEEKING the fastest and most direct way to**

Western Canada to British markets was inaugurated with the departure, a few days ago, from Winnipeg to Quebec over the Canadian National Railway of a special train of 29 cars carrying approximately 600 head of cattle. The distance of 1,300 miles was made in the record time of 70 hours. The cattle, which were collected by United Grain Growers, under their cooperative export plan, embarked at Quebec on the S.S. "Manchester Division" and formed the first shipment to be made from this port.

The occasion was marked with a banquet given by the Quebec Harbor Commission, attended by C. Rice-Jones, Winnipeg, General Manager United Grain Growers, Ltd., steamship officials and members of Parliament.

In addition to the big saving in time, this short route to Quebec means a saving to the shipper of from twenty to thirty pounds in weight of each animal because of greater shrinkage via other longer routes.

During the summer several other shipments of livestock for British markets will be made by United Grain Growers over the Canadian National route for Quebec port.



## Lavender Satin

(By Bertha Helen Crabbe)

The Basset house fronted directly upon the sidewalk, and the living room windows were on a level with the eye of the passer-by. Myra Basset was very particular about keeping the curtains well over the windows, but her mother liked to have them drawn aside. Mrs. Basset gently refused to share Myra's opinion that people took advantage of the drawn curtains to spy into the intimacies of the Basset home life. She liked to sit by the window not only to "see the folks pass" but to answer to their bows and greetings.

Catherine was to be married a week from that day. The Basset living room was astir with the flurry of work upon

her outfit. Her mother Mrs. Lucy Cooper, was stitching furiously on the sewing machine. Catherine herself sat at one of the windows, embroidering. There was a serene happiness upon her face. Now and then she glanced dreamily across the street at the little bungalow that was just being completed. She went to live there after her marriage.

The clatter of the sewing machine filled the room. Now and then Mrs. Basset nodded cheerily to some one on the sidewalk, or squinted nearsightedly at a passing wagon or automobile.

Suddenly she cried, "There, Catherine look quick! Ain't that Will goin' by in his auto? He's lookin' round!"

As Catherine leaned eagerly toward the window, a soft glow spread over her face. She waved her hand vigorously.

"It's Will and his mother and grand-mother," she announced happily, as she took up her work again. "He said they were going to ride this afternoon. He wanted me to go too, but I thought I had better not this early, didn't you?" "You'd ought to have gone," Mrs. Basset said. "I would have done you good. You're workin' too steady."

Catherine glanced at her mother, bending over the sewing machine, and made no reply.

The afternoon wore on. The long drawn whistle of a train sounded through the quiet of the village.

"There's the five-o'clock train," Mrs. Basset said. "Catherine, you'd better begin supper dear. Aunt Myra will be here soon now."

Putting away her work, Catherine went into the kitchen.

After a while the big yellow station omnibus came lumbering down the hill. It drew up at the Basset house, and a tall, thin woman, with her arms full of packages, stepped out. She paid the driver and came into the house.

Mrs. Basset and Mrs. Cooper put down their work. Myra laid her packages on the table and began to take off her hat and gloves.

"Did you have a good day, Myra?" Mrs. Cooper asked.

"Yes, I did. I got good. I'll show you what I got. Catherine, come see what I bought."

Catherine came eagerly in from the kitchen, and they all gathered round. Myra began to unwrap her packages.

"There, here's the lace. Isn't that a perfect match? And here the ribbon! Triumphant! Myra exhibited her purchases of things to complete Catherine's trousseau. Catherine exclaimed rapturously over everything. Mrs. Cooper examined the fabrics judiciously. Mrs. Basset stood eagerly peering over Mrs. Cooper's broad shoulders. She kept glancing from the purchases to Catherine's glowing face, and exclaiming, "My! My!"

"And here," said Myra, as she took up the last package, "I found a special sale of satin, so I got some to make a dress for mother to wear at the wedding. I know we wouldn't afford one for her just now, but I saw it and I thought I'd like to buy it for her. Will's grandmother'll come to the wedding dressed fit to kill and I'm not going to have it said that Catherine's grandmother didn't look every bit as good."

Myra displayed the package and proudly opened a piece of shining lavender satin. Catherine exclaimed over it so enthusiastically. Mrs. Cooper gazed at it longingly. A look almost of horror flashed across Mrs. Basset's face. She glanced at Myra as if she were thinking that it must be some joke.

"Well, Lucy?" Myra asked sharply. "Mrs. Cooper, whose pursed lips and frowning brow, argued all for the correct approval."

"Hum," Mrs. Cooper replied, "it's a nice piece of satin, but seemed to me a pale gray would be more suitable for mother."

"Pale gray! Dear land, everybody knows lavender's just the color for old ladies. Will's grandmother's got a dress just this shade and everyone knows how stylish she is! What do you say, mother?"

Mrs. Basset looked distressed—Even she would have been a decided innovator in her frugal, son-in-law's wardrobe, but lavender—

"Ain't it a nice, just a little mite, too gay," she said timidly.

"Gay! Goodness's sakes, mother, don't you know the time's past when old ladies thought they had to go round looking like chief mourners at a funeral? Well, I must say, after a body's slipped as hard as I have all day, to come home and be told what they got isn't right is pretty hard!"

Folding the satin angrily, Myra marched off to the spare room with it.

Sleeping and walking, Mrs. Basset was haunted by that lavender satin. It overshadowed her joy in Catherine's happiness. The thought of wearing it filled her with shrinking horror. To appear before the world dressed in anything that to her modest, old-fashioned ideas seemed so hideously inappropriate would somehow class her, she felt with those persons round her cheeks and dyed their hair. It would not be "nice." She saw herself decked in all the blatant shining maze of lavender, standing out among the wedding guests in glaring conspicuousness. She imagined them nudging one another and whispering about "how giddy Mrs. Basset was getting in her old age." She found no joy in the thought that she would be as well dressed as Will's grandmother. She had always secretly considered Will's grandmother as "flashy."

"A day or two after the purchase of the lavender satin, Myra spread the fashion books out on the living-room table. "Come, mother," she said, "we must decide how to make your dress."

"Aren't you coming?" Myra asked sharply.

"Myra," Mrs. Basset murmured timidly, "I was just a-thinkin' Lucy's so busy now makin' things for Catherine it seems too bad to trouble her to make my dress. Why couldn't I wear my black cashmere to the wedding?" It was just as good as 'twas the day 'twas bought, and I'd feel 'nough sight more comfortable in it."

"O mother go to the wedding in that old thing that you've had five years if it's a day! I guess not! And Will's folks all dressed to kill! Do you want us to be ashamed of you? Come, now sit down and we'll find a way to make your dress."

Mrs. Basset sat down at the table while Myra turned the leaves of the fashion books. Page after page of airy beauties fluttered before Mrs. Basset's bewildered eyes.

"There," Myra said at last, pointing to a figure, "how's that, mother?"

Mrs. Basset gave a little gasp of dismay. "O Myra, that's so fancy and— and giddy looking!"

"Fancy! Why, that's plain as can be! Of course Lucy won't make it as short as the picture shows, and you've got to allow for it's being on a young girl, but otherwise it's just the thing."

Mrs. Basset looked at the plate in distress. "No, no, Myra, I don't like that. Why can't Lucy use the pattern I've got?"

"Mother! Why, you've been using that pattern the last twenty years, I do think it's a good one. Why don't you think of this mother's dress? Isn't it about right?"

Myra took the book over to Mrs. Cooper who sat at the sewing machine and for a few moments the sisters discussed the appropriateness of the style that Myra had selected.

"Yes, that'll be all right," Mrs. Cooper decided, turning back to her stitching. "I'll cut the dress tomorrow, Myra."

It seemed to Mrs. Basset during the next few days that she was continually trying on the despised lavender satin. She came to hate it intensely. She felt ashamed and hideously self-conscious when she had it on. All the later years of her life she had worn black or sombre grays and browns. Everything she had ever owned she had bought with a strict eye to practicality and economy. This lavender satin seemed fairly wicked in its gorgeous extravagance of color and material.

The style of its making did not prove any so outrageous as Mrs. Basset had feared, but it was bad enough with its fluffy folds and the ruffles that hung over her hands. Mrs. Basset had never before owned a dress in which she could not at least wash the dithers. Her sleeves were always made so that they could be unfastened at the wrist and turned out of reach of dishwater. The ruffles in the sleeves of the lavender satin were shamefully useless and embarrassing.

At last the dress was done and spread out on the spare-room bed. It filled all Mrs. Basset's thoughts. She was continually seeing herself dressed in it, the shameful, embarrassing focus of the eyes of all the wedding guests. Two nights before the wedding she could not sleep for thinking of it. She tossed and turned restlessly.

"Papa, it ain't quite so bad as I think for," she thought, trying to comfort herself. "Papa it ain't quite such a bright color as I thought. Papa I just think it's terrible bright."

She could not rest until she satisfied herself about it. She rose and, lighting a candle, tiptoed carefully down the hall to the spare room. There on the bed lay the lavender dress.

"Oh, this awful bright!" she murmured. "I don't see how I can wear it. I don't see how I can!"

She held the candle nearer to get a better view. Somehow her hand trembled, and a great drop of melted wax splashed down on the shining satin. She stood horrified. Right on the front of the skirt was the great dark spot of grease.

"It's ruined! It's ruined! It's ruined!" she called. "Myra and Lucy and tell them! What would they say! She opened the door to call; but suddenly she paused and drew herself up to her full height and flung her head back defiantly.

"I'm glad I done it!" she declared fiercely. "I'm glad I spoiled the old dress, so there! I don't care if it cost a fortune. I'm glad it's spoiled!"

Then a gloriously happy thought occurred to her.

"I can't wear it with that spot on, now. I won't be able to wear it to the wedding! I'll have to wear my black cashmere. And I'm glad! To-morrow I'll tell 'em this dress is spoilt. No! I won't tell 'em on account they might be able to get it cleaned in time. I won't say anything at all about it, till just before the wedding. I don't care if 'tis wicked! I ain't a-goin' to wear that fluff of giddiness for nobody! I guess I've got some rights of my own!"

But Mrs. Basset's triumph over the old dress, standing out among the wedding guests in glaring conspicuousness. She imagined them nudging one another and whispering about "how giddy Mrs. Basset was getting in her old age." She found no joy in the thought that she would be as well dressed as Will's grandmother. She had always secretly considered Will's grandmother as "flashy."

"A day or two after the purchase of the lavender satin, Myra spread the fashion books out on the living-room table. "Come, mother," she said, "we must decide how to make your dress."

"Aren't you coming?" Myra asked sharply.

"Myra," Mrs. Basset murmured timidly, "I was just a-thinkin' Lucy's so busy now makin' things for Catherine it seems too bad to trouble her to make my dress. Why couldn't I wear my black cashmere to the wedding?" It was just as good as 'twas the day 'twas bought, and I'd feel 'nough sight more comfortable in it."

"O mother go to the wedding in that old thing that you've had five years if it's a day! I guess not! And Will's folks all dressed to kill! Do you want us to be ashamed of you? Come, now sit down and we'll find a way to make your dress."

Mrs. Basset sat down at the table while Myra turned the leaves of the fashion books. Page after page of airy beauties fluttered before Mrs. Basset's bewildered eyes.

"There," Myra said at last, pointing to a figure, "how's that, mother?"

Mrs. Basset gave a little gasp of dismay. "O Myra, that's so fancy and— and giddy looking!"

"Fancy! Why, that's plain as can be! Of course Lucy won't make it as short as the picture shows, and you've got to allow for it's being on a young girl, but otherwise it's just the thing."

Mrs. Basset's face beamed with pleasure. "Why, that'll be real nice! I'd like it!"

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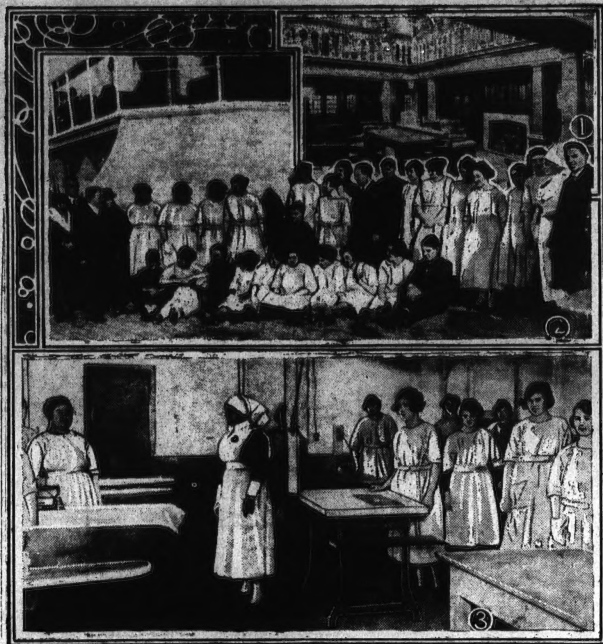
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As an instance of the way in which modern liners are equipped, the newly-installed laundry of the "Empress of France" is well worth comment. It cost \$25,000 and its complete plant

and large staff of workers make it probably the finest of its kind afloat. In addition to the large amount of work undertaken for passengers at shore piers, it deals with 100,000 pieces of ship's linen per week. This department is under the management of G. Dawe, junior, who controls its staff of six men and thirty women. Three washing machines form part of the equipment, and one of these, the largest ever fitted to a liner, is capable of dealing with 3,000 pieces of linen at a time, each piece being subjected to the entire washing process without removal. There is also a huge ironing machine which will iron and dry sheets at the rate of 400 per hour after they have been passed through a power wringer. This machine is operated by a team of nine girls. The higher class of laundry work is done by skilled ironers with press machines and electric irons, while shirts and collars, etc. are starched and finished by machines specially fitted for the purpose. All the machinery is electrically driven, and there are elaborate electrical controls for starting, stopping and regulating the machines. In the case

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## ARE WE DOWNHEARTED?

(By Agnes Lutz, Forbes Magazine)

Sir Henry takes over a double-barrelled transcontinental system of over 20,000 miles—22,000 if you include the unoperated portions—on not one of which is as sparse a population as along the C. P. R., when stretched its first 3,000 miles thinly into the wilderness. On this road today the employees outnumber the population of the West from which the C. P. R. first drew its sustenance—109,000 men—and the population lining the Canadian National today is 80,000—of all of Canada. Its ships, too, ply the Seven Seas. The Canadian National marine has sixty ships; but they have not been co-ordinated into one great transportation system to get the maximum freight, both outbound and inbound, as the C. P. R. system is co-ordinated.

Though the cost of the Nationals in cash grants, bonds and stock—one and one-third billions—represents more than half Canada's total national debt, it is well to set over against that the facts, that the huge outlay for all time does not equal Canada's agricultural output for a single year, or Canada's manufacturing output for a half year, or Canada's total trade for a half year.

"Are we downhearted?" Looking at these facts, Sir Henry Thornton might shout, back a jubilant "No!"

## THE WEST'S CREDIT PROBLEM

While the plan of long term payments on a thirty year basis, which has been adopted by the Canadian Pacific Railway, is recognized as constructive from the standpoint of that organization in regards to its land policy and likely to influence land sales in general, it is not expected that the situation affecting the mortgage companies will be materially changed. Mortgage loans and land sales are different propositions. The mortgage companies explain that borrowers do not like long terms and that a thirty year basis would not be satisfactory. Besides they are merely agents in loaning the funds of depositors and debenture holders, while the Canadian Pacific is selling land which it owns and which was largely secured through government grants.

The policy of the mortgage companies too is to keep closely in touch with individual mortgagors and to arrange terms best suited to the position of each, no general scheme they say would be satisfactory.

It may be expected that Progressive politicians will take the usual course of making a play for farmer sympathy by suggesting that the government should take some steps to provide long term loans on the general plan of the Canadian Pacific credits. There are dangers in this direction. Speaking in the House of Commons of the system of credits for farmers advocated on behalf of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, C. M. Bowman, of the Mutual Life Assurance Company, said:

"I just want to say this in all frankness, and all candor, as I believe it is true, that the Dominion Government and the provincial governments want to be extremely careful under existing conditions, before they take any definite stand. It is true that in Denmark Germany and many other countries they have been operating for many years very successfully, along certain clearly defined lines of rural credit. But I again say that far as West is concerned before it is safe for any government to carry extended operation of that kind you have got to get the present mess cleaned up to some extent.

If the individual farmer is permitted to work out his own problems West on Canada will be in a much stronger position than if the government established a fund into which workers and deadbeats alike will be able to dip their hands to the discouragement of that work and industry which in the long run, must be the basis of successful development.—Financial Post.

## PAYMENTS BETTER IN WESTERN CANADA

After spending several weeks in Western Canada, during which he was closely in touch with the officials of mortgage companies and other farm loaning institutions, John Appleton, secretary of the Dominion Mortgage and Investments Association, confirms the reports of improved conditions in the agricultural situation. This improvement is not only actual and material as Mr. Appleton found it, but it is all the more marked because of the reaction with the spring activity on the land from the campaigns of discontent in which certain politicians have been active since the last crop season.

Mr. Appleton, reports that the new crop is under very favorable conditions as regards moisture and that the farmers are getting right down to work, realizing that in the long run success depends upon the production of wealth out of the land. Aspirations for cheap money and other puerile policies of the politician are now forgotten in the activity of getting in the crop and the prospect of a profitable harvest.

It has been estimated by Edward Oliver, statistician of the department of agriculture, Saskatchewan, that the record Western crop of last year provided a profit of \$100,000,000. It is difficult to reconcile this figure with the campaigns for cheap money in the West, which have been based upon the inability of the farmers to meet their obligations. No doubt there are many cases of hardship where there have been crop failures for a number of seasons, or where farmers took on more land during the period of high prices than they could successfully operate, but the fact remains that payments have been much better met during the marketing period than was the case a year ago; the manner in which the funds have been forthcoming in some instances would lead to the conclusion that not all of the proceeds of the crop went to the bank but that some of it stayed in the "pockets" of the farmer.

In some of the business centres conditions are much depressed. The better tone has not thus far been reflected in improved buying. Even the farmers who have reserves are following a very conservative policy in their spending until there are more definite indications of what the crop season is likely to bring forth both as to yield and as to prices.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We are not responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.

The Editor

Dear Sir:—In one of our school readers, when I was a school boy, there was a fable of a meadowlark that had built its nest in a field of growing wheat. In due time the young birds were hatched out and the mother bird bestowed herself to feed the hungry brood and to hasten their growth so that they should be able to leave the nest before the grain was ready to harvest. As the grain was maturing very quickly the mother bird became anxious that her young ones would not be able to leave the nest before the grain was cut. One morning before leaving to search for food she said, "My dears, this wheat is ready to cut and it will be a few days yet before you are able to fly; if the farmer comes to the field today listen carefully to what he says and tell me when I come home. After awhile the farmer and his son came to the field and the farmer said, "John, this wheat is ripe; go and invite the uncles and cousins to come tomorrow and help us cut it."

When the mother bird came home the young ones told what the farmer said, but she replied, "Uncles and cousins are not always to be depended upon; they may not come, but listen carefully to what you hear tomorrow." Next day the farmer and his son came to the field and waited but no one came to help them. At last the farmer said, "John, the uncles and cousins are not coming. Go and ask the friends and neighbors to come tomorrow and help us cut this wheat." When the mother bird came back the young ones told her what had happened, but she said, "Don't worry, dears; friends and neighbors are not always to be depended upon either but listen carefully to what you hear tomorrow." Next day the farmer and

his son came to the field and waited but no one came to help them. At last the farmer said, "John, the friends and neighbors are not better than the uncles and cousins. This wheat is ripe and must be cut tomorrow we will cut it ourselves." When the young ones told their mother what they heard she said, "Well, my dears, when a man says he will do a thing himself, it will be done. We will have to fly from here early tomorrow morning."

Moral: If you want a thing done do it yourself.

The farmers of the present day are in the same position as the farmer in the fable. In 1920 we implored the Meighen Government to give us a wheat board. Mr. Meighen applied to Parliament and got the necessary power to continue the wheat board another year. The farmers were elated. Good old Meighen would see that we got justice in return for the rotten deal we got in 1918. But alas! The government forgot to make use of their power and we got no wheat board in 1920.

In 1922 we petitioned the King Government for a wheat board. After a bit of hounding and hawing, jockeying and quibbling a species of wheat board was passed that was unworkable. It was intended from the first to be unworkable but we were told that if we got two or more provincial governments to endorse it, it would be all right. We got Saskatchewan and Alberta to endorse it, still it didn't work, and we got no wheat board in 1922, but it fulfilled the purpose it was intended for; that was to delay and prevent the farmers from taking any direct action towards forming a marketing system of their own. Then we were led to believe that if Manitoba would endorse it, it would work, but Manitoba refused to endorse the farmers any longer.

Brother farmers, it will never work. We will not get any help towards a better marketing system from either a Liberal or a Conservative government because both are controlled by the interests that are fattening on the labors of the farmer and they are not going to destroy the trough where they feed. It is up to the farmers to do it themselves. If agriculture is to be put on a profitable basis the farmers must get control of the thing price of their own products, the same as all other producers, and the first step to that end is to form a voluntary, co-operative, farmer owned, live-year contract wheat pool. There is no use in saying it can't be done. It has got to be done. We call ourselves united farmers; let us live up to our name and concentrate on this wheat pool idea. Let us take united concerted action and rest neither night or day until we accomplish a better marketing system than the present "what will you give me" system. Brother farmers, it is the zero hour with us. "Let us go."

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America—a delicate pink, standard variety 100 days. Mrs. Frank Pendleton—light pink with crimson blotch, 96 days. Mrs. Frank King—brilliant flame pink, 84 days. Panama—rosy pink, 103 days. Prince of Wales—salmon, 90 days. Flora—Clear sulphur yellow, 87 days. La Marchetti—pale pink, 85 days. Evelyn Kirkland—pink.

## RHUBARB CULTURE

Rhubarb: The popular pie plant is cultivated for its leaf stalks which are used in many different ways, providing a cool and refreshing dessert in warm weather, a filling for pies, makes a good jam and an excellent wine. It is easy of culture and should have a place in every garden. It likes a deep rich soil, plenty of moisture and a shady situation.

Plants can be raised from seed but as they seldom come true to the variety from which the seed was taken, they are generally propagated by root division.

To get real good results dig a trench 18 inches deep and 24 inches wide and fill it with well rotted manure and soil equal parts thoroughly mixed. Plant strong single crowns 3 ft. apart, keeping the crowns about 3 in. below the surface of the ground.

After planting give a good soaking with water. Frequent waterings with liquid manure are very beneficial.

None of the leaf stalks should be cut the first year, but afterwards it is a good rule of thumb to remove every fall, good crops may be pulled for several years.

## No Safety

The spuds are white and mealy, I like them smoking hot; but if I eat them freely my doctor cries, "Great Scott! You weigh too much already; yet such things you will chew! Your gain in weight is steady, in spite of all I do. Your face is hot and hectic; your pulse hits up a gallop; a spasmodic appetite will get you soon or late." The roast is large and stately, the gravy rich and brown, and I am longing greatly to pour such victuals down. But says the learned physician, "Cut out such grub as that, or soon the pale mortician will bear you from your flat. I have to watch and guard you throughout the weary years you blame old bonhead for, you, to save you from the bier." Such is the fate of fellows who do not toil or spin, who ply no blacksmith's bellows, or make cars out of tin; in gilded ease reclining, their lot seems far from hard; but when it comes to dining all goodly things are barred. I watch the teller plodding, as homeward he repairs, from dishing or from sodding, to eat five Belgian hares. I think his lot's heavy, no doctors round him lurk; but I am too damned lazy to go outdoors and work.—Walt Mason.

## The Golfers' Rhyme

Let some brave bard who plays the ancient game  
Tell him one hole of play and use for rhyme.  
The clubs within the bag, each by its name,  
Then add a few nomenclatures to its crimes.  
The ball in teed, our hero takes his stance;  
He swings aloft his tried and trusty driver.  
Stuck for a rhyme? He sees his only chance  
And yells "Bull Smith, I'll play you for a river."

The drive, alas, has landed in a rut.

A sniblick now, applied with skill and vigor

Would yield results, but there's the rhyme—tut, tut—  
He'll have to use that good old left legger.

A perfect lie, an easy maulie pitch.  
Would put him on, yet rhymes are far to seek  
That mate with maulie, so there seems a hitch,  
There's nothing for it but to use the cleek.

Ah! now, it's easy, there he's on the green.  
The rest will slide as smooth as melted butter.  
Unlike some players that we all have seen,  
He sinks the ball and does it with a putter.

It's really simple, if you care to think.  
There's no obstacle, we spoke too soon—  
A one shot hole and quicker than a wink  
A hole in one! The club, of course, a spoon.

Cooperating With  
The Post Office

One way in which you can cooperate with the post office is in the careful preparation of your letters and parcels. Do not put unprotected coins or other hard objects in the letters, as it is apt to lead to the envelope being broken, and perhaps the loss of the contents. Never enclose letters in parcels, as this is contrary to postal regulations.

When packing your parcels, do not use an ordinary shoe box, as this is no good for enclosing a parcel going by post. Use a strong durable covered box, or several layers of strong wrapping paper, and tie the parcel well with cord. If you are sending china, a hat, or other fragile articles, be sure to mark your parcel "Fragile" then the postal employee will know that the contents are easily damaged. If your parcels are going overseas, be sure to pack them with special care, as owing to the conditions under which they have to be carried, they otherwise run great risk of damage or loss of contents.

Ask at the post office for a circular describing in detail how to pack and wrap parcels. Remember, if a parcel's worth mailing, it is worth proper wrapping.

BULLETIN FROM  
PROVINCIAL GOVT.

Closed for Season.  
The Provincial Government seed cleaning and grading plant at Edmonton has been closed for the season, and no more cleaning will be done until after the grain from the new crop comes in the fall.

Co-operative Hay Shipping.  
The Co-operative Livestock Association at Coronation reports successful shipments of hogs and cattle to the Calgary Stockyards. On a \$250 market for hogs, selling expenses, freight, commissions, insurance, etc., absorbed about 50 cents per 100 pounds leaving the producers \$9.00 per 100 lbs. off the cars at Calgary. The shrinkage between Coronation and Calgary was 3 1/4 pounds per hog. The farmers producing the hogs considered the co-operative shipping very satisfactory.

New Acts Take Effect.  
Alberta's new debt adjustment act will become effective on June 1st. Commissioner E. J. Fream of the public utilities board, who is commissioner for The Drought Relief Act in southern Alberta, has been appointed director for the new act.

The provisions of The Children of Unmarried Parents Act comes into effect on June 1st.

The Slot Machine Tax Act becomes operative on June 1st. This act imposes a license fee of \$50.00 per year for these machines. A test case in connection with this Act will be taken to the courts.

Montana has her Troubles.  
The Scientific Farmer, published at Missoula, Montana, reflects the results of the past couple of years' drought conditions in Montana when it asks: "What is the matter with Montana? During the past two years one hundred banks have failed, twenty-five per cent of the farms have been abandoned, and fifty thousand people have left the State."

Western Cattle are Healthy  
Alberta purchased cattle which were entered in the accredited herd book to the year ending March 31, 1922, came through with next to the lowest record of reactors, being second to British Columbia which was the cleanest with a percentage of 4.94 per cent, reactors, while Alberta had 6.03 per cent. The report of the veterinary director general which has just been issued, shows that there were in all 32,043 head of cattle tested in Canada, of which there were 4,740 reactors, a percentage of 14.79, the compensation

paid being \$533.161.

Tendered Banquet

On Wednesday night members of the medical profession and citizens of Edmonton tendered a banquet to Prof. J. B. Collip, of the University of Alberta, in recognition of his share in the discovery of "insulin" used in the treatment of diabetes.

Grasshopper Campaign

Officials of the Department of Agriculture have completed a survey of the province and have the grasshopper pest eradication campaign well organized and functioning. The central supply stations at Edmonton, Calgary, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge are equipped with supplies for poison bait to meet any demands which may be made. The provincial organization covering the unorganized portions of the country is complete, a number of the officials who were on the work last year being employed. Last year's work has given them valuable experience and last year's equipment at mixing stations is also available for any work which may be required this year. The same thing is true of the organized municipalities they are in good shape to take up the work where necessary. It is anticipated that the good results of last season's energetic campaign will minimize the work for this year.

The roadside grasshopper has been pretty well cleaned up, any trouble this year is expected to come from the Lesser Migratory Grasshopper. Professor Sirickland, Government Entomologist, is this week in the Peace River country investigating reports from that part of the province.

Lavender Satin

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I'll be married, and all the people will be there—Will you people and mine; and I'll love to think you're there, grandma, looking so sweet in that lavender satin."

Mrs. Basset started. She half withdrew her arm from Catherine. There was silence for an instant. Then she looked up at Catherine, and her face grew haggard with sudden realization.

"Will you, dear?" she said. "Will you? That night, when the house was silent, old Mrs. Basset stole down the dark hall to the spare room. Setting her candle carefully on the bureau, she took up the lavender dress and with hurried stitches sewed a pleat in the full skirt to conceal the spot of candle grease."

"I guess I can wear this dress for Catherine," she declared vigorously. "I just guess I can. What's it matter if folks do talk about me and I look flashy? I guess 'twon't kill me. I just guess it won't!"

The next day passed like a dream to Mrs. Basset. There was a strange uncertainty about the decorated rooms. Hurried excited people came and went before her bewildered eyes. The doorbell kept ringing incessantly. Now it was a wedding present to be unwrapped and exclaimed over, now it was a neighbor bringing silver and tapestries.

Then somehow the time came for the wedding. Mrs. Basset put on the lavender satin and went resolutely down the stairs. Once decided upon her course, it was not for her to hide herself, shamed and timid, upon the outskirts of the wedding party. She stood in the very midst of the wedding guests straight and sure and fine. Her cheeks were flushed, her eyes bright. She was doing this for Catherine. She guessed it would not kill her! She just guessed it would not!

But after a time she forgot the lavender satin. She thought only of Catherine standing there, looking so sweet and happy. Then there came the clatter of congratulations, the confusion of the refreshment serving, the flurry of Catherine's departure. After a time the guests left.

The rooms looked strangely empty and large after everyone had gone. There were wilted flowers and sticky plates and crumpled napkins everywhere. Myra and Mrs. Cooper sank wearily down upon the nearest resting place.

"Well, everything went off all right, anyway," Myra said gloomily.

"Yes, so it did," Mrs. Cooper dabbed at her eyes with a damp handkerchief.

Mrs. Basset stood looking at her sympathetically. She longed to help her in some way to comfort.

"I would wash the dishes; that was something she could do."

"Now, you two girls just set and rest yourselves," she said. "I'll wash dishes and clear up. You don't need to stir a finger."

Myra looked up quickly. Her eyes were attracted by a dangling thread on the front of her mother's skirt.

"Mother," said Myra, "you don't mean to say you've had that thread dangling all during the wedding?" She reached forward and gave the thread a jerk. The hurriedly sewed pleat opened and revealed the grease spot.

"Why, mother, look at that spot on the front of that beautiful satin! Why, mother!" Myra's voice was tragic.

Mrs. Basset almost laughed. It seemed such a small matter after all: a spot of grease on a piece of satin. What was it compared with love and wedding and the sweet celebration of sacrifice that she held in her heart. She was so glad she had worn the lavender satin for Catherine! So glad!

She faced Myra with a secret, fine, dignified, "Yes Myra," she said gently, "that's candle grease I spilled on my dress. And I was glad I did it, and I wasn't going to wear this dress to the wedding for anybody; but I didn't have."

the heart to disappoint Catherine, and I'm glad, I didn't. But Myra,"—Basset's voice softened as if she were trying to spare the feelings of a mistaken child—"I want to tell you, dear, that I didn't ever go in to wear this dress to anything again in my life. I'll give you every cent you paid for it out of that fifty dollars I got in the bank, and then—then I'm going to wear it to wash dishes in and black the stove in, and quick! it's worn out and spotted. I'm going to use it to dust with, and wipe the floors with! I'm sorry Myra, but that's what I'm going to do. And I'm going to begin washin' dishes in it right now."

As Mrs. Basset turned and marched out into the kitchen, her little figure was very straight but strangely tremulous. After a while Myra came out. Her eyes were red.

"Here mother," she said, "you let me do those dishes; you're tired. And mother, I'm sorry I made you have that dress when you hated it. You cut it up for carpet rag tomorrow if you want to."

Mrs. Basset's face beamed. She touched Myra's arm lovingly. "Myra," she said softly, "now don't you feel bad about it, will you? It's all right. I'll make a beautiful quilt and I'll give it to Catherine for a wedding present."

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## Interesting Local Notes

**BORN.**—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Rathwell, on June 1st, at the Home maternity home a son.

**BORN.**—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilkins, on June 4th, a daughter.

Among those visiting town for the holidays was Miss M. Livingstone.

A very successful sale was held by the ladies of the U. F. W. A. on Saturday in their restaurant at which they netted around \$50.00.

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The artistic instinct is certainly well displayed by Geo. Armstrong as shown by his touching caricature of the stampee which appears in the window of the Wainwright pharmacy.

Rev. H. Wilson left for his new field of labor at the coast on Saturday's train. Many well-wishers were at the depot to wish him "bon voyage."

The Wainwright Dramatic club take this opportunity of thanking all those who so kindly assisted them by loaning properties for their play last week. Once again, thank you!

Big snap special in Balbriggan 2-piece underwear; \$1.25 per suit at A. Sawers' tailor shop.

The Catholic Women's League will hold a sale of home cooking at Miss Donovan's store on Saturday next, June 9th from 2 till 6 p. m.

On Sunday last King George V. celebrated his 58th birthday very quietly at Buckingham Palace. So far as we know no one from here got a bid!

Special this week only—Sovereign electric irons only \$5 each at Wainwright pharmacy.

The latest purchaser of the indispensable Ford car is Constable Moses of the A. P. P. at this point.

After a busy season with her millinery at several points east, west and south Miss M. Coleman is now back in town for a few weeks.

The little dance following the play last Wednesday was a dandy affair and the music of the Wainwright orchestra was all that could be desired.

Seeding being over now is the time for fencing. Willow pickets, split cedar and tamarack posts are available at the Imperial yard.

Mr. W. Peterson and family were here from Irma for the big stampee and holiday. They were guests at the J. W. Stuart home.

We learn that Mr. John Allan has purchased the Goff house from the agent for the Crawford estate, Mr. J. Welch.

Royal Purple laying meal for your hens at the Wainwright Pharmacy. x

Mr. Carrothers, who recently underwent a slight operation, has returned from Edmonton and is now in charge of the N. Bayly elevator.

Miss Margaret Suckling entertained a number of her friends at a birthday party at the home of Mrs. A. G. Smith last week.

Miss H. Keith was spending the holiday with her parents in the city.

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Mr. D. Potvin, who recently suffered the loss of his barn by fire has started to haul out the material for a new construction on the farm.

Mr. E. L. Cork was up to the city on business for a couple of days.

We understand that Mr. Ellis Williams will shortly move his family from the Crawford bungalow to the Sterling Tory house on Seventh avenue.

Mrs. Hugh Volle, of Edmonton was paying a visit to relatives in town last week.

Crops look good now, and prospects better; let us have your next bill of material—Call or phone the Imperial yard; phone 10.

Dr. Laidlaw, the assistant provincial medical officer, who was in town last week, complimented the town officials on the very clean appearance of the place.

No less than four cars of lumber were unloaded by us last week, and there's another big shipment on the way—Atlas Lbr. Co., phone 57.

Rev. S. Davies, who spent last week in Edmonton, returned on Saturday.

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The editor of this grand home journal will be in attendance at the Alberta Press Convention at Jasper Park this week end, and will then journey to Halifax with his good frau to represent the west at the Dominion convention of the C. W. N. A. It will be esteemed a favor if all readers having items for publication will send by mail them into the office so that The Star may continue to function as reliably as usual. Thank you, in anticipation.

Still a few screen doors left at the Imperial yard; have you enquired about the price

Mr. R. Dunsmore is making arrangements to move his family into the old Plaxton house on Fifth Ave which is being vacated by Mr. A. Hoar.

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The many friends of Mr. R. A. McKay who recently underwent a serious operation will be glad to know that the crisis has passed and that the patient is now on the high road to full recovery. Miss Marie Girard of Edmonton is visiting friends and relatives in town for a few days.

Miss Rhoda Russell, who some years ago resided in town with her parents but who is now teaching school at Biggar was a visitor at the home of Mrs. Limpert for the week end.

## WILL TAKE UP SURPLUS POTATO CROP OF PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Edmonton, Alberta.—The registration of incorporation of the Potato Products Limited, with headquarters here, marks the introduction of a new industry, which may have a beneficial effect on the potato growing industry of Alberta. The new company proposes to manufacture flour, starch, dextrine alcohol, etc. There has been for the last few years an average surplus of a quarter of a million bushels of potatoes in the Edmonton district, a large proportion of which could be utilized by the new company in the manufacture of various products.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

All Oddfellows and Rebekahs in Wainwright and district are urged to meet in the I. O. O. F. Hall on Sunday June 10, at three o'clock p. m. for the purpose of holding a memorial service for departed brothers and sisters. The members will later march to the cemetery, where the graves will be decorated.

All Oddfellows and Rebekahs in the community, as well as former members are urged to be present.

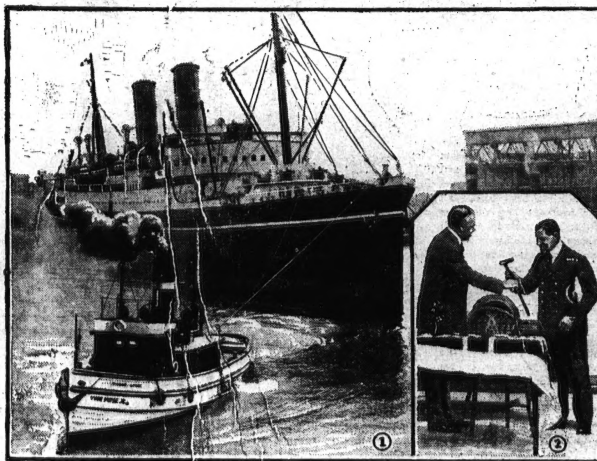
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The principal reasons for Montreal's supremacy are the facts that it is nearly one thousand miles inland from the ocean, at the head of deep water navigation, with direct access to the Atlantic and that behind it stretches the route right up to the head of the Lakes at the Twin Cities, a thousand miles further inland. Were it as all year ports, Montreal would be the chief one of the continent, but for some months winter closes the beautiful St. Lawrence route, and the vessels fretting at the mouth of the great river must wait until the ice goes out in the spring before they can make their way westward. About fifty years ago, the Harbor Master originated the idea of presenting a tall ship, the captain of the first vessel to arrive in the spring with a transatlantic ship. This custom was observed for about thirty-five years, then, at the top hats lost in popularity, a gold-headed cane was presented instead by the Harbor Commission.

This year the cane was presented to Captain Edmund Aikman, of the Canadian Pacific S.S. Bollingbrook who had just completed his first voyage in command. The Bollingbrook left London for Montreal on April 6th, calling at Antwerp en-route, arriving three hours ahead of her nearest competitor on May 3rd. The liner "Montrose" of the same line, the first passenger vessel with direct access to the Atlantic and that behind it stretches the route right up to the head of the Lakes at the Twin Cities, a thousand miles further inland. Were it as all year ports, Montreal would be the chief one of the continent, but for some months winter closes the beautiful St. Lawrence route, and the vessels fretting at the mouth of the great river must wait until the ice goes out in the spring before they can make their way westward.

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